

East Lansing Public School District  
**Community Bond Committee**  
Pre k to 5 Facilities  
ELPS High School Library  
**August 25, 2016**  
**Minutes/Notes**

Opening meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

No prior minutes/notes to approve

Self-introduction by members Parker-Johnson, Johnson, Marable, Burns, Loomis, Meadows, Schulz, Pfeiffer, Illardo, James, Powers, Houang, Chambers, Bollman, Neisler, Kaplowitz, Hamadna, Schertzing, Rutkowski, Haider, Kehler. Absent member(s): Russell

Superintendent RobyneThompson gave observations on facilities from elementary to high school and programming options including STEAM and early childhood education. Noted greater relationship with President Simon and MSU.

School Board President Nell Kuhnmuench did introduction and welcomed group. Nell gave brief recap of events since 2012 bond vote including 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing at middle school and exploration of Red Cedar options.

Existence of two teacher led committees looking at pre-K programming, including Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), fee based care and Head Start as well at Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM).

School Board Treasurer Kath Edsal did introduction and gave remarks on programming challenges for students.

Committee members questions on school capacity, data availability and perspective from University. Robin and Nell added to discussion. Process of bringing all this information and in what order raised.

Committee members raised communication/PR strategy, demographic data/trends and Schools of Choice (SoC). Data for resident and school of choice populations by school or school catchment area requested. Chair looked to Superintendent for help on staff capacity to update existing data from prior process and getting into new information request.

Discussion on the givens for the Committee to start from versus exploring everything. Instructional needs for high school and special needs populations and the fact the middle school and high school redone for student population in 3500-3600 range explored. Committee members looking for better/more direction on task. Locking into above student population taken as given. This makes SoC population a management tool for administration.

Working with 6 public facilities is a likely 2<sup>nd</sup> given. Depending upon early childhood education programming, this does not mean identical programming in each of the six.

Good free ranging discussion about separate bond YES committee work; operational cost for buildings; programming delivery; input from city planning staff; comprehensive plan for school district(?); marketing job to community and voters on process; request for information on “ideal” building population and class size and special need children needs; what do we know about where our kids are that leave district; and STEAM integration into all k-5 curriculum versus a “magnet” program.

Chair thanked committee members for caring enough to volunteer. Thanked them for wonderful introductions and discussion as we get to know each other. Superintendent and Chair will be discussing ways to address committee request.

Reviewing attachments from 2011 report will be done prior to staff taking on new information request.

Announcements – Chair reminded no meeting September 1<sup>st</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment – there was no public.

Adjournment at 10:20 p.m.